

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

CCPI-MRBI Upper Wabash River Two-Stage Ditch

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> CCPI-MRBI Upper Wabash River Two-Stage Ditch	<b>Applicant:</b>	
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>	<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO <sub>2</sub> (Carbon Dioxide), CH <sub>4</sub> (Methane), and N <sub>2</sub> O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. This application will result in the following four (4) items implemented as a system on the same land unit in at least 3 consecutive years a. (329) - Continuous No-Till meeting the 329 standard; b. (590) - Nutrient Management meeting the 590 standard (No fall commercial nitrogen applications for spring-seeded crops unless an inhibitor is used; DAP and MAP are allowed); c. (340) - Cover Crops (unharvested); d. (327/342/386/390/391/393) - Buffers adjacent to all water bodies and on at least 2% of the land unit acres.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. This application will address a ground or surface water quality concern in a 303(d) watershed or a watershed with a developed TMDL for non-point source impairment using the FY13 Ranking Tool (Question 2(1) or Question 2(2)).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Any part of the application acres lies in one or more identified priority resource concern areas listed in the FY11 Indiana State Resource Assessment, as identified through the FY13 Ranking Tool and the application includes practices that will address one or more of those concerns.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. This application includes one or more practices that will address an identified surface water quality resource concern and is located within a Surface Drinking Watershed Area identified through the FY13 Ranking Tool.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. This application includes one or more practices that address an identified groundwater quality resource concern and the offered acreage is within the Indiana karst region OR the offered acreage contains soils with a Leachability Index of 10 or higher as identified through the FY13 Ranking Tool.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. This application is based on a conservation plan that has been approved by the producer (signed) prior to October 1, 2012.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. This application will address an existing invasives species concern and where applicable will occur in concert with neighboring landowners also addressing invasive species.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. This application will address an existing resource concern caused by the production of specialty crops (including USDA Certified Organic).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. This application will address existing resource concerns using forestry practices per the Indiana EQIP Guidelines.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. This application will use only wildlife friendly grasses (as identified by the FOTG Standard 645) for vegetative practices.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. This application is from an applicant (by Tax ID number) who has not participated in EQIP in the past, or if they have had a prior-approved contract, it is/has been in good standing.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. This application includes less than three (3) contract items OR all practices under contract are scheduled to	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

be completed within two years of the obligation date?	
13. This application includes one of the following practices: 340, 554, 647, 592, 449, 590, 595, 528, 329, 345, 585, 633, and/or 644 and the applicant (by Tax ID number) has not received EQIP Financial Assistance for the same practice scenario within the last 5 years.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had prior year EQIP, WHIP, or CSP contracts which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the 2-stage ditch installation accompanied by a conservation buffer? (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the project's drainage area less than 7,500 acres? (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the depth of the ditch (top of bank to water) less than 10 feet? (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is there adequate area for spreading the spoil on-site? (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the channel to be constructed a contiguous channel of 0.4 miles long or greater? (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is this project part of a larger multi-landowner project which will result in construction of a larger 2-stage project? (10 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Are the soils in the proposed bench area stable and suitable for bench construction? (15 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Is the application located within one mile of the ditch /stream's outlet into a lake or river? (15 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer only a, b or c if applicable.	
1. a. Is the project within a Red (15 points) priority HUC 12 watershed? 051201010404 051201010405 0512010105 01 051201010502	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Is the project within an Orange priority HUC 12 watershed (10 points)? 51201011602	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the project within a Yellow priority HUC 12 watershed (5 points)? 051201010401 051201011001 051201010402 051201011002 051201010403 051201011003 05120101 0601 051201011004 051201010602 051201011005 051 201010603 051201011006 051201010604 051201011101 051201010901 051201011102 051201010902 0512010 11103 051201010903 051201011104 051201010904	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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#### Ranking Score

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: